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meadow beauty

Rhexia virginica

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants

Features

Meadow beauty is an erect, perennial herb that can grow from eight inches to nearly two feet tall. The leaves are up to three inches long, up to one inch across, and are arranged opposite each other. The rose flowers have four petals. Fruits are flask-shaped capsules that contain brown, bumpy seeds.

Natural History

Meadow beauty grows in open wet areas where the soil is sandy. It flowers from mid-July through August.

Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Iowa Status

threatened; native

Meadow beauty has been found in only a few locations in Iowa. It has always been rare and has become more rare with the loss of habitat.

Iowa Range

Linn, Cedar, and Muscatine Counties